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Mr. Ord announced the death of Dr. George M. Zecchinelli, of Padua, a member of this Society.

Mr. G. W. Smith stated that the singing mouse, which was discovered some weeks ago in the Northern Liberties, county of Philadelphia, was in the Librarian's room, and invited the members to listen to it after the adjournment of the Society. There does not appear to be any difference of external form between this and the common mouse.

Prof. Haldeman exhibited a specimen of a spider (*lycosa scutulata*), from which, when stuck with a pin, and in the act of dying, a parasitic worm of the genus *Filaria*, three times the length of the spider, proceeded.

Pending nominations, Nos. 197 to 201, inclusive, were read.

On motion of Prof. Frazer, permission was granted to the brother of Mr. Richard A. Tilghman to make a copy of the paper upon the decomposing power of water at a high temperature, for his own private use.

On motion of Mr. Ord, the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia was put upon the list of exchanges of this Society.

### *Stated Meeting, October 1.*

Present, twenty-five members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were received and read:—

From the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester, England, dated Manchester, 3d August, 1847, acknowledging the receipt of the Transactions of this Society: and,—

From Baron Von Hammer Purgstall, dated Vienna, 19th March, 1847, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of this Society, and announcing a donation.

The following donations were announced:—

#### FOR THE LIBRARY.

Journal Asiatique, ou Recueil de Mémoires, d'Extraits et de Notices relatifs à l'Histoire des Peuples Orientaux, etc. etc. Quatrième

Série. Tome IX. No. 44. Mai, 1847. 8vo.—*From the Asiatic Society of Paris.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Conducted by Prof. Silliman and B. Silliman, Jr. and J. D. Dana. Vol. IV. No. 11. Sept. 1847. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

Jahrbücher der Literatur. Hundert dreizehnter Band. January to December, 1846. Nos. 113 to 116, inclusive. Wien. 8vo.—*From Baron Von Hammer Purgstall.*

An Essay, Literary and Practical, on Inversio Uteri. By John Green Crosse, M.D., F.R.S. Part the Second. London, 1847. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Chemistry applied to the Manufacture of Soap and Candles. By Campbell Morfit. Philadelphia, 1847. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

#### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE.

The London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Philosophical Magazine, and Journal of Science. Third Series. Vol. XXXI. No. 207. Sept. 1847. 8vo.

Annales de Chimie et de Physique. Troisième Série. Tome XX. Juillet et Août, 1847. 8vo.

Comptes Rendus Hebdomadaires des Séances de l'Académie des Sciences; par MM. les Secrétaires perpétuels. Tome XXIV. No. 26. 28 Juin, 1847. Tome XXV. Nos. 1 à 4. 5 Juillet au 26 Juillet, 1847. 4to. Tables, deuxième Semestre. 1846. Tome XXIII.

Mr. Haldeman exhibited specimens of engravings of shells on steel, intended for the publication of the results of the Geological Survey of New York. He stated that the expense was only two-fifths of similar plates on stone a few years ago.

Pending nominations, from Nos. 197 to 201 inclusive, and new nomination, 202, were read.

*Stated Meeting, October 15.*

Present, nineteen members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, President, in the Chair.

A letter was received and read:—

From Dr. Nürnberger, dated Nürnberg, 1st May, 1847, accompanying a donation to the Library.